

Community Notices

Community notices are put in this section as a service to our community. The school does not necessarily endorse these community advertisements and parents / caregivers are advised to check the reliability of events, camps and courses.

Wanted—Host families required in 2010 under the AFS Exchange Programme for two 17 year old students. Paula from Argentina and Elina from Finland. For further information phone Brenda on 818 5520 Hosting Co-ordinator AFS Waitakere.

Piano/Keyboard lessons— held at School. 2 vacancies available for 2010. Phone Diane Hunn on 416 5843 for further information.

Lost— 2 weeks ago by James Zambucka in Rm.5. Stampede School Shoes Size 10/11. Laces in knots and frayed. Please check your child's shoes and return to Rm.5 if found.

Lost— Adults black hat with Route 66 tag on the inside. If found please return to Annie Ottaway 021 1831245 or 8335014.

Lost—black sports shoes with laces Size 4 left on the field while playing cricket on Tuesday 24 November. If found please return to Jamie Williams in Rm.20.

**School finishes for 2009 on Tuesday 15 December at 12 noon.
The 2010 School Year begins on Tuesday 2 February.**



Whenuapai School Newsletter

“Our Students will be Actively Involved in Learning for Life”

The Newsletter for the Whenuapai School Community published every Thursday

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**Important
Dates**

**Principal's Morning
8 December**

**Team 3 Assembly for
Team 4 Friday 4
December**

Term Dates

Term 4: 12 Oct, 15 Dec

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Last Monday Constable Luke Wilson spent the morning at Whenuapai School training our new School Patrols for 2010. For many of our trainees this will be the first time they have been involved in such an important role. The pupils were briefed about the importance of road safety and the safe passage of parents, pupils and pre-schoolers across our busy roads. He outlined the requirements of the position and then took the Patrols out to the crossing with the patrol jackets and signs. Each Patrol Monitor went through the drills and any errors were rectified on the spot. Crucial to the position are the following:-

- Being on time
 - Following the correct procedures
 - To ring the School if unable to carry out their duties on the allocated day OR
 - Ring another Patrol Monitor to stand in for the day
 - To wear the School raincoats on wet days
 - To act in a mature and responsible manner at all times
- Please note that all Road Patrol Monitors will sign a Contract clearly outlining their responsibilities and failure to carry out the specified duties in a safe and responsible manner will result in their losing the status of Road Patrol Monitor. We also ask parents to reinforce the rules associated with the position as we will be regularly monitoring their performance in 2010. The decision as to whether pupils remain as Patrol Monitors is the responsibility of Mrs Carr Neil and/or Mr Spanhake. One area of concern raised by Patrol Monitors this year is that pupils and parents are beginning to cross before the Patrol Monitor has their arm at their side. Please wait for the 'Cross Now' signal and the Patrol Monitor's arm by their side before crossing. Many thanks to our monitors for the time and effort they put into keeping us safe.

Contacts

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PTA Chairperson: 416 4740

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Whenuapai

School Notices

Welcome to our school community the following children and their families...

School Star Children acknowledged at the last school assembly for being good citizens...

Principal's Award Certificates this Week

Rm 1	Jerry Ulrich
Rm 2	Caroline Richardson
Rm 3	James Van Hest
Rm 4	Olivia Edwards
Rm 5	Tyla Mildren
Rm 6	Brayden Luke
Rm 7	James McGowan
Rm 8	William Savery
Rm 9	Stella Hart
Rm 10	Sam Reader
Rm 11	Natasha de Jong
Rm 12	Brooke Karatau
Rm 13	Connor Young
Rm 15	Hope Williams
Rm 16	Shae Cleaver
Rm 17	Isaac Schuurman
Rm 18	Zurika Scholtz
Rm 19	David Matthews
Rm 20	Jade King

Pick Up/Drop Off Zone

The area on the driveway demarcated by the yellow lines outside Rooms 18, 19 & 20 is a "pick up drop off zone" not a park and wait area. We are seeing parents parking there as early as 2.45 in the afternoon creating a backlog of vehicles between 2.55 and 3 o'clock. This makes it very difficult for the buses to get into the driveway. Please do not use it as a park and wait area. If you are early please park on the 'Green'. This backlog of cars creates a hazard for pupils at the end of each day. Child safety is paramount so please show you care by using this space for its intended purpose. If this doesn't happen we will cone the area off from 2.45 and 3.10 each day.

NW Zone Athletics Friday 27 November

This was a very exciting and successful day for Whenuapai School. Everyone competed to the best of their ability and we achieved outstanding results with a number of students placing in their events. We came 4th overall which is fantastic.

Kimberly Franklin—2nd Senior Girls 400m, 2nd Senior Girls Longjump

Mandy Menefy—2nd Senior girls discus

Billie Gell—2nd Junior girls 100m, 1st Junior Girls Longjump, 3rd Junior Girls 200m

Renee French—1st Junior Girls 400m

Cara Blackford—2nd Junior Girls Discus

Sean Crawford—2nd Senior Boys 100m, 1st Senior Boys 200m, 1st Senior Boys High Jump

Joshua Campbell—3rd Senior Boys 400m

Brandon Lunny—4th Intermediate Boys 800m, 4th Intermediate Boys 1500m

Caitlin-Rose McNeill—3rd Senior Girls Longjump.

All those student who came 1st or 2nd in their events have qualified to represent Whenuapai School and the North West Cluster at the Auckland Champs on Wednesday 9 December at Mt Smart Stadium. Well done.

Congratulations to all the students who participated on the day. Your behaviour was outstanding and you represented

Whenuapai School proudly. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who came along and helped, provided transport or supervision on the day. An extra big thank you to Scott Campbell who acted as team manager and made sure all the students were where they were supposed to be.

Happenings and Achievements

Board of Trustees Meeting—Monday 7 December 7.00pm in the Staffroom.

Minutes Secretary required for our Board of Trustees meetings two Mondays a term 7.00-10.00pm. This is a paid position. Contact Warren Spanhake for further information.

Carboot Sale held on Sunday was a great success, with 46 vehicles arriving to sell and lots of buyers happily browsing and shopping. A grand total of \$802.30 was raised for the School. Thank you to everyone who came along to either buy or sell!

Cake Stall— the last one for the year was held yesterday and a further \$.562.90 was raised for the School. Thank you to all the children for supporting these very successful fundraisers throughout the year!

PTA Fundraiser—Gingerbread House Cake decorated by Lily Victoria O'Brien's of Rm.3 mother **to** be raffled at \$1 a ticket and drawn on Monday 7 December. Buy tickets from the office where the cake will be on display. NB plate not included in the prize.

Reminder— Principal's Morning Tea Tuesday 8 December in the School Hall at 11am. This is our way to say thank you to all of you who have offered so generously to help in the School during 2009. If you are unable to attend please accept your invitation as our thank you. If you are attending please contact the Office so we can gauge numbers for catering purposes.

Team 3 & 4 Athletics

On Tuesday December 1st teams joined together for an action packed Athletics Day. Events included sprints, round robin games and relay races. It was a wonderful day, made extra special with the high level of parental attendance and support. A huge thank you to all of the teachers and those wonderful parents who helped out on the day.

Acknowledging Pupil Achievements

It is wonderful to see the many children who bring their work over to either Mrs Spanhake and/or Mrs Neels during the School day. The children are usually so excited to share their work which they can't wait to read to us, or to explain in great detail what they have done in the Art work provided. It is so gratifying to see the pupils being so proud of their achievements. The stickers and comments we hope go a long way to increasing their confidence in themselves and acknowledging their achievements. Thank you to Teachers for using this visit as an incentive and recognition of quality completed work